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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
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- 17) [27841] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
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- by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
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by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
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by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
- 22) [27846] QRP for the Icoms
by Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@u1.abs.net>
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- 26) [27850] Fox: murmuring from fox#2
by Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
- 27) [27851] Re: Electric fence QRN
by rerobins@unccvm.uncc.edu (Rick Robinson)
- 28) [27852] Re: FOX Report for 1 October: OBSERVATIONS
by SEAB&SHARON LYON <SSLYON@worldnet.att.net>
- 29) [27853] Re: Fox: murmuring from fox#2
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 30) [27854] DXCC and 5BAND WAS ACCESS95 DB's
by Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
- 31) [27855] Fox Schedule
by kq0i@juno.com (Mark R Milburn)
- 32) [27856] shld loop 40 mtr rx in qst
by BWHITTEM@mailgw.sanders.lmco.com
- 33) [27857] Re: Fox Schedule
by adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
- 34) [27858] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
by "Bruce Barley" <lbbbarley@feist.com>
- 35) [27859] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
by Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
- 36) [27860] Re: Fox Schedule
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 37) [27861] Fox #1 where's the report?
by Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
- 38) [27862] Oct Quarterly
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
- 39) [27863] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
by AE0Q V31RY <v31ry@ix.netcom.com>
- 40) [27864] Whoops!
by Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
- 41) [27865] Re: Fox: murmuring from fox#2
by Jeff Grudin <grudin@pacific.vdbs.com>
- 42) [27866] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
by Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
- 43) [27867] FOX: Fox North American Challenge!

by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
44) [27868] FOX: Team Fox Challenge!
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
45) [27869] Re: FOX: Fox North American Challenge!
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
46) [27870] Fall Issue of QRPp will be late
by ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
47) [27871] Changing rules
by ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
48) [27872] 1x1 Calls
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
49) [27873] RE: RSGB Reveiw: JOY OF QRP
by Adrian Weiss <aweiss@sunflowr.usd.edu>
50) [27874] joke - not quite QRP, but...
by "Watson R Gabriel Jr" <wgabriel@duke-energy.com>
51) [27875] Re: Changing rules
by Niel Skousen <nskousen@scientech.com>
52) [27876] Re: Changing rules
by Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
53) [27877] Re: Fox, we're on a roll
by Bob Tellefsen-CNSE97 <Bob_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com>
54) [27878] Re: Fox Schedule
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
55) [27879] SST 40
by Bigbob97@aol.com
56) [27880] W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
by Bob White <bobwhitewo3b@geocities.com>
57) [27881] QRP+
by G3TUX@aol.com
58) [27882] Re: Changing rules
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
59) [27883] FOX: Schedule/Rules
by Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
60) [27884] Re: W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
61) [27885] Fox Thanks - I did it.
by Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
62) [27886] Re: W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
by Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
63) [27887] Re: shld loop 40 mtr rx in qst
by Bill Crowley <bcrow@carte.net>
64) [27888] Sad day...
by W3GX@aol.com
65) [27889] Sabotage - CQ Rod W7GVN
by Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
66) [27890] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by "Bob Kellogg" <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
67) [27891] Century 22 service manual info

by John Evans - N0HJ <jaevans@codenet.net>
68) [27892] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
by Michael <MichaelN@cycat.com>
69) [27893] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
70) [27894] Oct Quarterly
by af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
71) [27895] Pixie2...LOTS OF FUN !!!
by fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
72) [27896] Key Ideas?
by fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
73) [27897] Re: Key Ideas?
by Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
74) [27898] Alaska QRP.
by Roger Asbury <fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu>
75) [27899] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by wmcshan@REX.RE.ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
76) [27900] Re: Key Ideas?
by Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
77) [27901] Re: Alaska QRP.
by "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
78) [27902] Re: Alaska QRP.
by Ed Loranger <loranger@wolf.sr.hp.com>
79) [27903] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
by Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
80) [27904] QRP for the Icoms
by Stew Whitehouse <STEW_W@compuserve.com>

Date: Wed, 01 Oct 1997 18:16:27 -0500 (CDT)
From: "Jeff M. Gold" <JMG@tntech.edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27825] K1EL->Tick II compatibility
Message-ID: <01I0AVK2H80I8WXTUL@tntech.edu>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: TEXT/PLAIN; CHARSET=US-ASCII

I think I owe all an apology. When I first looked up on the web the compatibility, could have sworn the two has some pins reversed.

I went home and dug out the actual documentation for my Tick II and the K1EL, they appear to be pin for pin compatible, little different external circuits. Anyone just pop out the Tick and put in a K1EL, would imagine it would work fine.

72

Jeff, AC4HF

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 23:38:45 +0000
From: "Lageson's" <LAGESON@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27826] Tower help
Message-ID: <19971001233841.AAB331@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I bought myself a used Rohn 25-40 ft tower (standing) and need some advise on how to break the sections apart. It has been up about 9 years and I am not having much luck. There must be some good tricks you could share. That "tower jack" looks like the tool I need, but hate to buy one for one job.

Thanks Jim NOUR

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 18:40:35 -0500 (CDT)
From: fcv@arrakis.es
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27827] mailing list request
Message-ID: <199710012340.SAA24193@vespucci.advicom.net>

info T-KIT

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 18:41:16 -0500 (CDT)
From: fcv@arrakis.es
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27828] mailing list request
Message-ID: <199710012341.SAA24340@vespucci.advicom.net>

info

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 19:44:00 -0400

From: "Watson R Gabriel Jr" <wgabriel@duke-energy.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27829] K1EL->Tick II compatibility
Message-ID: <85256523.00807DFE.00@dpcmail.dukepower.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

No apology needed, Jeff. I've been misled before for one reason or another myself. Sometimes by eyes that seem to get worse with all this computer work! Think when I built my first Tick keyer I got the dit/dah connections backwards for some reason to start with. Ha!

If it helps anyone, as far as I can see all of the Tick-1, Tick-2, and K1EL 8-pin DIP packages are pin compatible and interchangeable. Tick-1 and -2 use the Microchip Technology 12C508 and 12C509. Not exactly sure which microcontroller the K1EL uses but do know it is of the PIC (same) family. The main difference between the 508 and 509 is available programmable memory and RAM internal to the IC. Looks as if the 509s are used for the "memory" keyers for this very reason - more memory.

On the dit/dah pinouts, from a "plug compatibility" standpoint, there is no problem. Every piece of info I have on all 3 keyer implementations have Pin 7 for Dot and Pin 6 for Dash inputs. So far have not seen a problem here either; however, there is always a chance that there is an error in documentation somewhere.

Have fun! I still want to look at a general purpose PWB, for myself if for no other reason. Hey, gotta find somewhere to use all those contacts I ordered!!

BTW - Something I would like to see -- all commercial keyers outfitted with the DPDT switch so you can reverse the dit/dah connections to your paddles! So far, have had to add these. Bummer for us. Ought to be a standard offering.

72. Watson/WB4EXW

----- Forwarded by Watson R Gabriel Jr/Gen/DukePower on
10/01/97 07:23 PM -----

I went home and dug out the actual documentation for my Tick II and the K1EL, they appear to be pin for pin compatible, little different external circuits. Anyone just pop out the Tick and put in a K1EL, would imagine it would work fine.

Jeff, AC4HF

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 17:00:49 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Watson R Gabriel Jr <wgabriel@duke-energy.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27830] Re: K1El->Tick II compatibility
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971001165931.7412B-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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keep my sanity!

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73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Wed, 01 Oct 1997 17:08:59 -0700
From: Stan <stan@cruzio.com>
To: LAGESON@worldnet.att.net
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27831] Re: Tower help
Message-ID: <3432E61B.91B@cruzio.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> "tower jack" looks like the tool I need, but hate to buy one for one job.
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> Thanks Jim N0UR
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> .-

put a 2x6 through the rung above and the rung below and stick any
jack you have between .

jack, tap and spray with wd40 .

If the rungs start to bend, use a wider board ie 2x10 or 2x12
cut down to fit.

Bottle jacks (small hydraulics) and screw type work well.

Stan . N6XU

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 19:54:49 -0500 (CDT)
From: jdenison@morelr.com (JOEL DENISON)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27832] K5OI and getting stepped on
Message-ID: <199710020054.TAA02674@m20.morelr.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Tim I was late for the sked and could not get you once the hunt
started. What a pile up! --- Joel

In the best of conditions with the best of people (our fox hunts)
there are times when one gets stomped on. It's not intended, just as in sky
diving sometimes the main chute doesn't open, In ham radio sometimes you get
stomped on even though you are a nice guy or gal and the stomper is an ok
person also.

Don't take it personal and, if you can, get an antenna that will
make it harder for someone to do any stomping on you!!! Put your energy into

another building project or something else positive... welcome to the world of pile-ups and accidental stompings... :-) Joel

God Bless
Joel

WA5CVM

Joel Denison	Gentle Lady (RC Sail Plane)(049 engine - high start)
81 High street	40 mtr dipole up 40ft
Farmington, Maine 04938	QRP ARCI 4066 NEW ENGLAND QRP 476 QRP-L 765
jdenison@morelr.com	AK/QRP 109

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 20:58:16 -0500
From: Gene Marcus <mmarcus@hiwaay.net>
To: "'af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)'" <af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert) >, "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27833] re: RAF EDZELL
Message-ID: <01BCCEAC.C716FAC0@tnt2-135.HiWAAAY.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Ray,

I am one of the qrp-l members who was stationed at RAF EDZELL from '69 to '71. It was very interesting tour of duty. I traveled throughout Scotland visiting many places of interest during my stay. It was also a pleasant experience going on the air as GM5AQM.

My wife Phyllis and I go back to Fettercairn near Edzell every year to visit her parents. We are leaving Oct 8th for a three week stay. I will be operating QRP SSB/CW from there on 10 - 40 meters using my trusty FT-7 and open wire fed dipole. I'll certainly listen for some of the list members.

It will be a sad experience driving past the gates at RAF Edzell and seeing the locked gates.

73...Gene Marcus W3PM GM4YRE
Huntsville, AL
mmarcus@hiwaay.net
w3pm@amsat.org

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 22:50:45 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mike Duke <K5xu@cris.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27834] TS-570S on qrp?
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.971001224857.27800E-100000@mariner.cris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

If you are useing this radio at 5 watts all or most of the time, please tell me how you like it. Is the output reasonably stable from band to band?

72/73,
Mike

AMATEUR RADIO STATION K 5 X U
Jackson, Mississippi

Date: Wed, 01 Oct 1997 23:22:01 -0400
From: Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@contesting.com>
To: ku7y@sage.dri.edu
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27835] Re: K1El->Tick II compatibility
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19971002032201.007272a0@tir.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 05:00 PM 10/1/97 -0700, Monte Stark wrote:
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On the good ones - Kansas City and Super CMOS keyers, for example - it is
programatic.

73 Hank K8DD

*/ Hank Kohl K8DD k8dd@contesting.com
*/ ARRL TS (k8dd@tir.com)
*/ MI-QRP - Vice Pres. QRP-ARCI - Director
*/ G-QRP ARRL/LM QCWA/LM QCAO/LM

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 22:50:06 -0500 (CDT)
From: Addi Pittman <cornea@vsta.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27836] CIA special events station
Message-ID: <199710020350.WAA04487@rivendell.vsta.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

kDoes anyone have the QSL info on the CIA special events station on 30
meters this weekend?

Thanks, Bob KC5HLO

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 21:00:18 -0700 (PDT)
From: Jim W7LS <w7ls@brigadoon.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27837] Silver contacts went out today
Message-ID: <199710020400.VAA08374@k2.brigadoon.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi, gang. All of the requests for silver plated copper contacts went

out today via US Mail. I hope we get a flurry of key building out there.
Sure hope we can see some of the efforts on the web or at Dayton or
somewhere like QRPP, etc.

73 de Jim, W7LS

Date: Wed, 01 Oct 1997 22:30:30 -0600
From: "Timothy J. Pettibone" <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27838] FOX Report for 1 October
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971001223030.0068a120@dante.nmsu.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

OK guys, I've checked this twice. Think it's in pretty good shape. A couple of observations. Several times I would send a caller's call and go with my report and then they wouldn't come back with my report. I would send the caller's call with a ? Unfortunately there were several times when I wouldn't get a response. Sorry if any of these were you but it isn't a contact unless I roger my report from you. Some callers would call me 4-6 times. That doesn't help out at all. Usually it just clobbers the station I pick up when I turn it over. As many have said, getting clobbered is part of the game. No one interferes intentionally (at least in my dream world) and certainly not QRP-Lers.

I used my QRP+ with the GAP Titan vertical up 17' at the base (total height 41'), with the CMOS II memory keyer and the Bencher paddle. Had lots of QRN but less than usual from the house (condo with antenna restrictions). Used the memory keyer so that's why my reports were pretty much 559 across the board. I know you all heard the pileup but that was one of the most intimidating experiences of my life. And it didn't stop until after 0400z!

Worked 69 stations (9 TX, 11 AZ and 21 CA!) Although I did try for a 'pre-hunt' sked with Joel, WA5CVM, it didn't work out. Chuck really was the first station I heard after the hunt started - no sked involved. I know I missed lots of you but I hope you get a fox next time. Thanks for trying.

Tim K5OI
QRP-L # 73

TIME	CALL	NAME STATE	RST-S/RST-R	QRP-L#
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0200	K50I	CHUCK	TX	559/559	1	
0201	VE7CQK	PAUL	BC	559/559	20	
0204	AB7TK	RANDY	ID	559/559		102
0204	WW7Y	STEVE	UT	559/559	94	
0206	AB7TT	JOE	AZ	559/559	191	
0206	N7VE	DAN	AZ	559/599	5W	
0207	NQ7X	FLOYD	AZ	559/559	343	
0208	KU7Y	RON	NV	559/589	17	
0209	N6XU	STAN	CA	559/599	66	
0211	N6WG	BOB	CA	559/579	26	
0211	K2VCO	VIC	CA	559/589	725	
0212	K06KA	ROB	CA	559/589	176	
0213	W5HNS	HENRY	TX	559/579		178
0214	VE5RC	BRUCE	SK	559/339		886
0216	K5JHP	BILL	TX	559/559	825	
0216	W6SIY	KEITH	CA	559/579		675
0217	N5JI	DICK	TX	559/569	1054	
0221	N5LU	BILL	OK	559/559	5W	
0222	K1MG	MIKE	CA	559/579	614	
0222	WE6W	ED	CA	559/569	1068	
0223	AB7ST	BOB	UT	559/559	129	
0225	WA6NAE	DWIGHT	CA	559/579		2W
0226	W6EMD	DAVE	CA	559/559	294	
0227	KQ5U	TERRY	TX	559/559	5W	
0231	KU4AF	JOHN	NC	559/559	987	
0232	K6RPN	DOUG	CA	559/559	713	
0233	N0HJ	JOHN	CO	559/579	219	
0234	AA6R	GARY	CA	559/559	406	
0236	N7CTJ	DICK	NV	559/559	843	
0237	W7SSM	JOHN	CA	559/559	1048	
0239	KF6CTA	DICK	CA	559/559	951	
0240	W6SU	JOHN	CA	559/599	48	
0242	AB5UA	CLIF	OK	559/559	478	
0245	N7GS	MAL	MT	559/559	815	
0248	AA5CO	BRUCE	OK	559/559		695
0249	W5FN	TIM	TX	559/569	586	
0251	AC6KW	JEFF	CA	559/559	16	
0253	KN6YD	JEFF	CA	559/559	5W	
0256	K5W0	BOB	TX	559/559	273	
0257	W6ZH	PETE	CA	559/589	257	
0259	K0SU	RICK	CO	559/559	539	
0301	KK6MC	JIM	NM	559/339	411	
0302	KB0PTE	WAYNE	MO	559/559		1058
0303	K0EVZ	DOC	MN	559/559	861	
0307	N0TFI	JESS	CO	559/559	1232	
0310	KB0ROL	BRAD	CO	559/569	316	
0311	K10J	OJ	TX	559/449	732	
0313	NQ7K	MIKE	AZ	559/559	47	

0314	W03B	BOB MD	559/559	195	
0315	K5ZTY	BILL TX	559/449	473	
0318	KS4L	RANDY AL	559/559	468	
0320	KI7MN	BOB AZ	559/579	271	
0322	W7QQQ	JACK AZ	559/599	1210	
0323	KI60Y	LEE CA	559/599	837	
0326	K4WZ	RON GA	559/559	5W	
0327	W6BAB	HARVEY CA	559/569	5W	
0328	N7CQR	DAN OR	559/559	502	
0330	AB7MY	GARY AZ	559/589	571	
0331	KJ3V	LYNN AL	559/449	1227	
0334	W9UQB	MIKE AZ	559/569	413	
0335	K6MW	MIKE CA	559/569	152	
0338	AB70A	KENT AZ	559/599	57	
0342	KJ7YN	JOHN AZ	559/599	121	
0344	W7GVN	ROD AZ	559/569	849	
0345	N4DD	DENNIS TN	559/559	5W	
0346	W0CH	DAVE MO	559/559	618	
0349	KA8OKH	RICH KY	559/449	933	
0351	KK5X0	DICK OK	559/447	1221	
0357	WB4EXW	WATT NC	559/449	1086	

72/73

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 00:36:04 -0400 (EDT)
 From: "Scott Rosenfeld [NF3I]" <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
 To: qrp-l <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, eax@w3eax.umd.edu, LDG Electronics <ldg@radix.net>
 Subject: [27839] LDG GROUP PURCHASE - AGAIN!!! (incl. NEW 4:1 balun box!)
 Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.971001094557.20157G-100000@w3eax.umd.edu>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
 Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Are you considering buying an LDG autotuner (AT-11/150w or QRP/20w),
 either as a kit or pre-assembled???

As I did twice before, I am volunteering to arrange a group buy.

These are superb, quick-acting antenna tuners with discrete capacitors and
 inductors. They work (I've used one myself). Details are in Jan 1996
 QST.

I have no interest in LDG (duuh), but I have gotten to know Dwayne &
 Jennifer in the course of the last two group purchases and would like to

once again mete the two entities (LDG and QRP-L).

	Normal pricing	Group purchase price (10-25 orders)
AT-11 kit	\$150	\$127.50
QRP kit	\$100	\$ 85.00
Case - AT-11	\$ 30 (no discount available)	
Case - QRP	\$ 25 (no discount available)	
Balun box kit!	\$ 25	\$ 20.00

The balun box is a balun, with an S0-239 on one end, and banana posts on the other. Handles 200 watts, and is ONLY sold as a kit.

UNANNOUNCED! Be the first on your block to have one! In aluminum case...

IF INTERESTED:

Call, or better, e-mail me with

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

WHAT YOU WANT, and HOW MANY

I'll figure out prices after we get enough orders...

Thanks!!! Start ordering!!!

* Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19mc QRV 80-10/6/2/440 *
*** 6m 80 grids worked on 8 watts *** HF 140 cfmd * QRP-L #147 ***
** QRP ARCI #9054 ** DXCC/WAS/WAC *** 100% dipole powered HF/6m **
*** 301-549-1022 h / 301-982-1015 w ** Life is one big hamfest ***

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 04:58:08 -0700
From: jerry schnor <jerrylee@fusion.stockton.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27840] california qso party

Message-ID: <34338C50.3ABB@fusion.stockton.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

from N6IFW:

I WILL BE ON CW FROM TRINITY COUNTY, CA FOR THE QSO PARTY . LOOK FOR ME UP 10 FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE NOVICE BANDS. SLOW CODE SPEED PLEASE. I USE A KEYBOARD TO SEND BUT RECEIVE BY EAR TRYING TO BUILD UP MY SPEED. I WILL

ALSO BE ON 10 METERS SSB NEAR 28.400 AND SIX METERS IF IT OPENS NEAR THE CALLING FREQUENCY. THANKS EVERYONE OR READING THIS. I WILL GO TO QRP WHENEVER REQUESTED. RIG IS A KENWOOD TS950SDX. INTO EITHER 4 ELE BEAMS OR FOR FORTY INTO A DIPOLE. I MAY GET ON THE AIR ALSO FRIDAY NIGHT ON 40

FROM MY CABIN.

Date: Wed, 1 Oct 1997 22:44:43 -0700 (MST)

From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [27841] Re: FOX Report for 1 October

Message-ID: <199710020544.WAA17730@usr08.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Tim (the Elusive Furry One) wrote:

>

> Worked 69 stations (9 TX, 11 AZ and 21 CA!)

Sheesh! We 'Zonies snag a whopping 11 Fox pelts and CA *still* walks away with it? What, they been running Fox hunter sign-up sheets at the local hamfests or something? :-)

Quite sure that's a record for a single state in one hunt. But don't go gettin' cocky. We're out there. And the wx is cooling off (down to 103F today). We're just gettin' started. ;-)

> Chuck really was the first station I heard after the hunt started -

> <...>

> 0200 K50I CHUCK TX 559/559 1

Aha! Anyone ever notice that you never see K50I and K5F0 in the same place at the same time? Mystery solved. *8)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It happens sometimes. People just explode. Natural causes." -Repo Man

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 05:02:50 +0000
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27842] TRADE: Transistors
Message-ID: <19971002050249.AAA3950@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Would like to trade three brand-new never soldered Toshiba
2SC1763 RF power transistors for two new (matched pair)
2SC1097 RF power transistors.

Also have some GE house numbers (UHF driver and 25-50 watt
final amp) transistors for trade for ????

73,
E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"
417 Ridgewood Drive
Metairie, LA., 70001

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:01:17 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: vole@primenet.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27843] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
Message-ID: <199710021001.LAA02801@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Joe,

We have pictures from Riley "The Real Windy City, not Chicago" NM
from a few years ago that prove K5OI and K5FO are indeedy two real
and different people. I'm the ugly one if you see the pictures.
:-)

CA took the challenge too seriously me thinks. Wait til the
foxii move further East, that'll slow them down a little. :-)

OK, let's see. Stack of postcards with printed schedule, list of
all the hams in TX, we're set to go.....

ciao dudes,
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:13:29 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com
Subject: [27844] email
Message-ID: <199710021013.LAA02868@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

>From a couple of emails that I have gotten back I have
determined that in the last couple of days I may have sent email
to some people and it didn't go out.

This due to a minor network problem and a couple of times the
mailer interface that I use (Berkeley) on prompt for a cc: went
into a strange mode that I have never seen. (That is the one
thing that you never want a dweeb to say --- "I haven't seen this
before".)

I can guarantee you that I will solve this problem. So, if you
were expecting email from me and didn't get it, let me know.
I handle so much email that this is a serious glitch and I hope
that I can keep it from happening again. Now I have to copy
everything to myself for a while. Hmmmm. Double the disk space
.....

I change hardware periodically, so new O/S and configuration files
for me to mess up.... :-)

dit dit
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:33:30 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com
Subject: [27845] Novice/Tech+ FOXHUNT
Message-ID: <199710021033.LAA02939@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

I now have 9 Novice and Tech+ victim^h^h^h volunteers for their part of the foxhunt. If you are a Novice or Tech+ licensed Radio Amateur here is your chance to get you code speed up to 20wpm in just 8 short months. Guaranteed.

This mail group, a.k.a. QRP-L, has about 85% or better Extra Class Licenses. The reason is that this is the group that gets on the air and operates and that is the proven way to improve your operating skills.

So, don't be shy and don't be afraid. This will be the largest group of Elmers you can find on the planet. Come on down.....

Email me your interest and I'll follow up with an email on what you need to do.

This is for Novice/Tech+ only. If you are a General or higher and you are stuck at 5wpm or 8wpm or lower than 13wpm, then your job is to work everyone of these guys when I post on Friday. Their schedule is wide open, i.e. they can do weekends, holidays, etc. and can sign up for any schedule they want. This will help those that can't do weekdays.

If you have already volunteered and didn't get an email from me, then let me know. You may be in the group that failed when cc: broke on me.

dit dit
Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/index.html>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 07:57:30 -0400 (EDT)

From: Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@u1.abs.net>
To: qrp forum <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27846] QRP for the Icoms
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971002075153.19104A-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Catching up on the daily digests, I saw someone asking a few days ago about getting their IC-740 down to QRP levels. Many of the Icom rigs can be cranked down to 5 watts or less with adjustment of internal controls. I had an article on it in the QRP Quarterly about 3 years ago. It's a bit dated now, and I think the latest model it contained was the IC-725, but it does cover several of the older rigs, including the 740.

You can download it from the archives at lehigh.edu. Do an anonymous ftp to ftp.lehigh.edu, and work your way through the directories to pub, listserv, qrp-l, articles, and then look for the file named icomqrp.mcq. Note that there is a Z at the end of it; that indicates that it's stored in a compressed format. You can download the file with the Z attached to the file name and then decompress it on your own computer if you have the proper software (it is NOT in PKZIP format!) or just enter the file name without the Z and it will decompress it there before sending the text to you.

73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ wa8mcq@abs.net

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 08:02:37 -0400 (EDT)
From: Mike Czuhajewski <wa8mcq@u1.abs.net>
To: qrp forum <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27847] HW-8 troubleshooting tip
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.96.971002075736.19104B-100000@u1.abs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I see occasional postings from people who say they just got an HW-8. Just a reminder that I have an article in the archives at ftp.lehigh.edu under the QRP-L section about a particular problem that I've seen on a number of HW-8s--low power output on 80 and/or 40 that cannot be cured by tuning up the rig, caused by bad toroid cores in the output networks for those two bands. (This specific problem does NOT apply to low power on the two higher bands.) The cure is to replace the ferrite cores with fresh cores. You can find the info under pub, listserv, qrp-l, articles, and the file name is something like badhw8cores.mcq. When downloading the file, drop the Z at the end of the file name so it will decompress it before sending

it to you; otherwise, you'll have to decompress it on your own computer, and it is NOT in PKZIP format. BTW, this information on the bad cores does not appear in the HW-8 Handbook, which predates my article by several years.

73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ wa8mcq@abs.net

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 08:36:37 -0400
From: Greg Weinfurtner <weinfurtner@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
To: lowfer@qth.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27848] Loop at 160m/lowfer
Message-ID: <v03110702b059414c857f@[132.235.72.186]>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hello Lowfer and QRP folks,

I sent this to the 160 meter reflector, but it seems to be down at the moment. (The reflector, not my loop!) So I thought that I'd send it along for your consideration. If you can't access web pages, I can send the picture/schematic along as an attachment with this Eudora mailer program. E-mail me direct in that case.

There is no reason that some of the principles used in this receiving loop could not be used at 160-190khz. Even scaled for use at 40 and 80 meters, this bidirectional loop is worth considering. Especially the FET thingy. Anyway check it out!

73 de NS80

Hi all,

I have set up a 160 meter receiving loop at my home QTH and have posted it on my website.

It is at: <http://ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu/~weinfurtner/160RL.jpg>

The loop is physically located about 150 feet from the house. A TV antenna rotor is used to turn it. I used to have it right outside the shack, but it is so much quieter away from TV's, computers, etc! Signals that I can hear on the loop, disappear when I try the long antenna (only 125' long) above the house. Signal strength is not greater on the loop, but the noise is a BUNCH less! So signals just seem to pop up on the loop against a quiet background.

The loop is made of rg/59 although nearly any coax will work. It is 20 feet in circumference and mounted on a wooden frame. Looks like a big cross in the back yard.

The amplifier circuit is mounted at the loop base, about 7 feet above the ground. It is about as simple as you can get, just an emitter follower circuit to drive the coax and provide a high impedance input for the loop connection. The variable capacitor is actually a 300pf variable with 500pf fixed mica across it. Tunes from below 1.8 to above 2 mhz. I set it for peak performance at 1.854 mhz and covers the 1.8-1.9 segment before performance drops off.

12 volts DC is supplied via the coax and 2.5 mh chokes/ ,1uf decoupling capacitors. Total current draw is only 2.5 ma.

Does it work? Sure does! The null is very pronounced. (Isn't that a oxymoron?, you know, like, "Jumbo Shrimp"...?) I may add a single transistor to actually supply some gain to the circuit, as the FET is no more than an impedance transforming device. My receiver has plenty of gain on 160, so I may not need it, just have to see how it performs during weak signal operation. 160 is sounding better and better as the season goes on.

Well, see youze guys on the band! vy 73 de

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***** Amateur Radio *****
*                                     <><                                     *
* NN      N  SSSSSSS  8888888  0000000  Greg Weinfurtner AEE BSS *
* N N      N  S        8      8  0      0  Electronic Design Splst *
* N N      N  SSSSSSS  8888888  0      0  Ohio University  Athens *
* N      N N        S  8      8  0      0  GO BOBCATS!              *
* N      NN  SSSSSSS  8888888  0000000                                *
*                                                                 *
* "Can thou send forth lightnings that they may go and say      *
*      unto thee, 'Here we are'?" Job 38:35                      *
*                                                                 *
*      weinfurtner@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu                          *
*      http://ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu/~weinfurtner                 *
*****
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Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 08:44:33 EDT
From: n4so@juno.com (charles k brown)

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27849] QRP for Icom 728
Message-ID: <19971001.194114.7495.5.n4so@juno.com>

A saved text file on this computer explains the pot adjustments on the board for the Icom 728.

The basic procedure would be the same for the Icom 730 and 740 if they have the power adjustments on the board.

Ask for Icom728.txt

Ken Brown, N4SO
QTH nr Mobile, AL/ EM50tk
qrp-1 #622
n4so@juno.com

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 08:35:21 -0500
From: Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27850] Fox: murmuring from fox#2
Message-ID: <50F91F96FB1FD11191C100A0C95B29370587D3@COMMSERVER>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Lets see.....I am going to jump on to an unstable 40 M band with a hundred fox hunters just above the noise level, all in heat for a fox (or is it from green chili peppers) ,all vying for a spot on chucks recording.....yipe yipe yipe yipe yipe

Sounds like Fun...Last I heard tim is still sitting with a blank stare in front of his radio.

AE9K

PS Keyer is stuck on 75 WPM can't seem to slow it down :-)

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:55:23 -0400
From: rerobins@unccvm.uncc.edu (Rick Robinson)
To: kd1jv@moose.ncia.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27851] Re: Electric fence QRN
Message-ID: <v02130501b0591d35bce3@[152.15.144.13]>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Steve, KD1JV, writes regarding fence QRN/M,

>So, I'm wondering if any of you have had to deal with a problem like (electric
>fence noise) and if any of you can offer any ideas or suggestions.

I live next door to an invisible fence for a not so invisible Rottweiler. This contraption operates at about 130KHz and throws out harmonics every 8KHz up through about 10MHz. Fortunately, they decrease in strength above 3 MHz so operating QRP isn't completely useless. I've called the "Invisible Fence" Co. and got no one that could understand what I was trying to tell them. I have an idea the installer turns the power wide open and leaves. The fence company seems to have no idea at all how this thing works and don't seem to care to try to understand the problem.

There is a good article available from the ARRL site describing electrical noise, how to track it down and how to cure it. There is also another paper there regarding invisible fences and the cure for the RFI. It involves a few parts and there is a factory kit available to dealers for curing such problems.

BTW, this same next door neighbor was broken into last week. Rasta, the Rottweiler, must've known the burglar as he was inside the house at the time. No body parts were discovered lying about, that was the clue it was someone known to Rasta.

72,

Rick kf4ar

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 13:59:39 +0000
From: SEAB&SHARON LYON <SSLYON@worldnet.att.net>
To: tpettibo@NMSU.Edu, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27852] Re: FOX Report for 1 October: OBSERVATIONS
Message-ID: <19971002135937.AAA5536@LOCALNAME>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 04:30 AM 10/2/97 +0000, you wrote:

>OK guys, I've checked this twice. Think it's in pretty good shape. A

the board. I know you all heard the pileup but that was one of the most
.....
>intimidating experiences of my life. And it didn't stop until after 0400z!
> Worked 69 stations (9 TX, 11 AZ and 21 CA!)
.....

GREAT JOB, TIM! SOME OBSERVATIONS:

- * I'm in CT; heard you REAL 549 (QSB) at beginning and end only.
- * You logged no contacts in the N.E. north of MD or east of MO. (!?!?)
- * The Fox Hunt is a learning experience to significant % of us.
 Chucks' patient coaching and Foxes tactful observations
 will help reduce blood and bruises and increase the fun.
- * Hounds can learn a LOT by listening to the pile-up and QSOs BEFORE
 jumping in, such as:
 - Compare the Smooth Operators to the GREENHORNS. What works
 vs what causes a nightmare situation?
 - What is this FOXs style?, rhythm? Can I follow o.k.?
 - Have I listned long enuff to know his req'd info so I don't
 waste time and hounds patience with endless "AGN" requests?
 - Do I REALLY have a chance now, or should I wait a bit more?

I'll be recording the next few pile-ups to review re above and to use
in our club class sessions. May be a good tool for many of us. 73 =s=

"Seab" Lyon -- AA1MY
Bethel, CT; USA FN-31-HJ
ARCI #9253; QRP-L # 574
ARRL; QCWA; C.A.R.A.

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 07:14:37 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27853] Re: Fox: murmuring from fox#2
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002071303.8447D-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997, Brian Cieslak wrote:

> Lets see.....I am going to jump on to an unstable 40 M band with a

> hundred fox hunters just above the noise level, all in heat for a fox
> (or is it from green chili peppers) ,all vying for a spot on chucks
> recording.....yipe yipe yipe yipe

That's OK Brian.....I'll be the guy with the loud signal! :-)

> PS Keyer is stuck on 75 WPM can't seem to slow it down :-)

Does that mean that's what you want us to call you at??

cu tonite,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:17:17 -0500
From: Brian Cieslak <brianc@ams-i.com>
To: "'QRP-L'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27854] DXCC and 5BAND WAS ACCESS95 DB's
Message-ID: <50F91F96FB1FD11191C100A0C95B29370587D5@COMMSERVER>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

To all peanut whistle operators,

Glenn, AE0Q (V31RY) , has graciously provided a site for me to put my
Access95 DATA BASE files for all to Download.

They can be found at <ftp://ftp.qsl.net/pub/ae0q>
or his through his web site at <http://www.qsl.net/ae0q>

DXCC_MDB.zip is the ARRL DXCC list with some logging fields

WAS_MDB.zip is a 5 band WAS tracking DB that uses a single user
interface.

Brian AE9K

Date: Tue, 30 Sep 1997 11:17:11 EDT
From: kq0i@juno.com (Mark R Milburn)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27855] Fox Schedule
Message-ID: <19970930.101639.7151.8.KQ0I@juno.com>

While on vacation I set my mail on postpone, but can't recover it now so think it got blown away.

Can someone send me info on the Fox schedule? Don't refer me to a web page, I don't have internet.

Thanks.

Oh by the way, we spent time in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado....wonderful time and met nothing but friendly helpful people. Folks from those areas should be proud that the current high rate of hostile activity doesn't seem to have reached them. I can sure see why people move to those areas.

72/73 Mark

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:52:29 -0400
From: BWHITTEM@mailgw.sanders.lmco.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27856] shld loop 40 mtr rx in qst
Message-ID: <433AE670.1299@mailgw.sanders.lmco.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Description: cc:Mail note part

one of the antenna sugestions in the 40 meter rx in oct qst was a design using small hardline. there was no construction details for it but i would like to build one of the loops. i have 150 or so peices of 5 ft hardline that would be perfect for that so if anyone is interested in some let me know and ill see how i could send the hardline.

barry whittemore

wb1edi

pls reply to wb1edi@scoot.netis.com

thanks

barry

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 15:51:33 +0100
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
To: kq0i@juno.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27857] Re: Fox Schedule
Message-ID: <199710021451.PAA03991@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Mark et.al.,

Here is the new schedule. Please please, pretty please. If anyone needs a schedule, let me send it. It is 'work in progress' as schedules change etc. I said in my talk at Tuthill that people need to be a member of the list to keep up with this stuff. :-)

One fox got caught at work with a change in schedule, so I'm in the lineup right now. I will go and put another TX station in there pretty quick, but it has to be at the same time slot.

So here it is:

September 17, 1997. Version 1.1

WEEK	CALL	DATE	TIME (UTC)	CALL	DATE	TIME (UTC)
1	NM K50I	Oct 1	0200-0400	WI AE9K	Oct 3	0000-0200
2	OH N8VAR	Oct 8	0000-0200	PA NR3Z	Oct 9	0200-0400
3	AZ W7QQQ	Oct 15	0200-0400	TX K5FO	Oct 17	0200-0400
4	AZ NQ7K	Oct 21	0200-0400	ID AB7TK	Oct 22	0200-0400
	VE7CQK	Oct 24	0030-0230	**		
5	CO N0TFI	Oct 28	0000-0200	MN N0UR	Oct 29	0200-0400
6	AZ W7QQQ	Nov 5	0200-0400	CA K1MG	Nov 7	0200-0400
7	MI K8CV	Nov 11	0200-0400	AZ KI7MN	Nov 12	0100-0300
8	SC W2UX	Nov 18	0100-0300	OH N8VAR	Nov 19	0100-0300
9	MN K0EVZ	Nov 25	0000-0200	KY KA8OKH	Nov 27	0100-0300
10	MN N0UR	Dec 3	0200-0400	AL KS4L	Dec 5	0200-0400
	AK AL7FS	Dec 5	0200-0400	**		
11	MI K8CV	Dec 9	0200-0400	IN N9DD	Dec 11	0100-0300
	AK AL7FS	Dec 12	0200-0400	**		
12	MD W3CV	Dec 18	0200-0400	NM K50I	Dec 19	0300-0500
13	KY KA8OKH	Dec 23	0100-0300	CO N0TFI	Dec 24	0000-0200
14	CA W03B	Dec 30	0300-0500	MD W3CV	Jan 2	0200-0400
15	NJ N2TNN	Jan 7	0200-0400	AL KS4L	Jan 9	0200-0400

16	AZ	KI7MN	Jan 14	0100-0300	ID	AB7TK	Jan 16	0200-0400
17	SC	W2UX	Jan 20	0100-0300	NJ	N2TNN	Jan 21	0100-0300
18	NC	AE4IC	Jan 28	0300-0500	WI	AE9K	Jan 30	0100-0300
19	IN	N9DD	Feb 5	0100-0300	NM	KK6MC	Feb 6	0030-0230
20	PA	NR3Z	Feb 12	0200-0400	CA	K1MG	Feb 13	0200-0400
21	TX	K5FO	Feb 17	0200-0400	CA	N6WG	Feb 18	0200-0400
		VE7CQK	Feb 20	0100-0300	**			
22	MN	K0EVZ	Feb 24	0000-0200	NC	AE4IC	Feb 27	0300-0500
23	CA	N6WG	Mar 3	0200-0400	CT	AA1MY	Mar 4	0300-0500
24	CT	AA1MY	Mar 10	0300-0500	CA	W03B	Mar 13	0400-0600
25	NM	KK6MC	Mar 18	0030-0230	AZ	NQ7K	Mar 20	0200-0400

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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:43:27 -0500
From: "Bruce Barley" <lbbarley@feist.com>
To: <rob3ert@vegas.infi.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27858] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
Message-ID: <199710021453.JAA16222@wichita.fn.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello -

This article is on page B1 of the 10/01 Dallas edition (hopefully it was carried in all editions) of the Wall Street Journal and is MUST reading. The members of The Morse Telegraph Club (see the article) are PRIME candidates for recruiting into QRP ham radio. Author was Anna Wilde Mathews, and she did a pretty good job.

Gleaned from the writeup is : "All students at the U.S. Naval Academy still learn Morse in their first year..."

Hey! Don't give up the ship, yet. Relly interesting to see a report on the GOOD sales one fellow is having with his PC based Morse training programs. And I was somewhat surprised at the report of how many different pieces of Morse software there are out there in cyberspace (Man! I'm coming to really dislike that work... overworked ... kinda like "Groovy" & "Psychadelic" from a previous lifetime.)

Guess it's time to peruse the search engines, and find out where this Morse Telegraph Club hangs out on the I'Net!Put on my Sunday best, and do some witnessing for QRP...

Bruce KB0PZD qrp-1 #69
lbbarley@feist.com

> From: Robert Parks <rob3ert@vegas.infi.net>
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Subject: CW
> Date: Wednesday, October 01, 1997 11:25 AM
>
> Gang,
>
> There's a GREAT article in today's (Oct. 1, 1997) Wall Street Journal
> titled, "The Internet Generation Taps Into Morse Code". As usual with the
> WSJ, a great pun. Anyway, it's very worthwhile reading. According to the

> article, the ARRL says that 85,000 of its' members still use CW.
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> I highly recommend the article!
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> 72/73
>
> Bob Parks
> K6AEC (Las Vegas)
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>

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 09:04:12 -0600
From: Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
To: Jack Meadows <jackmead@getnet.com>
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27859] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.19971002090412.006971f8@cnmailsvr.nmsu.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Jack:

Don't tell the rest of the folks this - I wouldn't want to appear any more stupid than I am.

I use LOGIC 4 (anxiously awaiting Windows 95 version 5.0) for logging. In this case I logged on paper first, since I wanted to keep the flyback noise in the QRP+ to a minimum. So, I had the 69 contacts on 3 logsheets I had generated for the hunt. After the hunt, I transferred from paper to LOGIC 4.0, double checking as I went. Then I couldn't figure out how to cut and paste so I could just slap a copy in the e-mail to QRP-L, so I retyped all of the contacts into my e-mail note, double checking that as well. I figure I spent about twice the amount of time getting the log ready to send to QRP-L as I did in working the 69! Boy, sure wouldn't want the gang to know about that!

Tim K5OI

At 05:57 AM 10/2/97 -0700, you wrote:

>Hi Tim,
>
>I really like your report table. How did you put it together? Did you
>use a contest logging program like TRLog or CT? I am trying to find
>contest logging software that will do the FOX.
>

>Thanks for any insight
>My first time to be a Fox....Oct 15. Looks like I'll need all the
>help I can get :)
>
>Best regards,
>Jack W7QQQ
>
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>

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 08:23:06 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27860] Re: Fox Schedule
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002080218.8525B-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Wait.....

Ding, Ding, Ding.....Hold the phone.....

OH - N8VAR
PA - NR3Z

I need overs.....cuz it just ain't fair I tell ya.....tain't fair!

Carol and I will be sailing along the Mexcian coast from the 5th to
the 12th and I will not have a rig!!

Hey, lets see.....if I use a leg hold trap I could catch them and
wait till I get back to skin them..... :-)

Hehehehehe.....

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada.....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 08:43:27 -0600
From: Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27861] Fox #1 where's the report?
Message-ID: <01BCCF0F.4281E780@pps-pc10.gwl.com>
Content-Type: text

I can't stand it. Did I get him? I can't find a report in last night's digest!! I need to know? I was a little nervous. After all this is the first time I was the Hound in the BIG boys hunt.

I got home from work Tuesday evening and got all set up by 6:00 (yes, I knew it didn't start until 8:00 local) had to make sure there were enough electrons left in my rig. I listened for awhile trying to understand all that noise.

Finally at 8:00 I started looking, there were a LOT of LOUD QSO's going on between 7035 and 7040 with layers of lighter ones going on underneath. I changed antennas and nothing any better. So I listened, I had an appointment at 8:30 and needed to leave at 8:15. I didn't know when I would get back. I had to do it now or maybe never.

Should I run upstairs and change rigs - my Explorer II has great ears and the loop it's hooked up to is quiet. Not enough time. Turn the dial and listen. I hear a faint 73, is it the FOX or just someone saying goodnight? I can't tell, listen some more.

It's time to go, I'll leave the rig on just in case I get back.

That was quick, it's 9:00 (the disaster wasn't) and I'm back on the air. Lots of QSO's real loud into Denver but no fox. Then I think I found him. K5OI, a quick exchange, and more buzzing. Darn QSO almost right on top of him. Then it happens the QSO signs off, no more QRM/QRN. I tighten down my filter, tighten my zero beat and wait. The exchange quits, the buzz starts - I send my call, blow it on the second try and give it a third shot, flip the send/receive switch down and here ROL coming back to me.

My jaw hurts from hitting the table but I send out my exchange - No problem reading, the Signal strength was fine, for a fox hunt, and the Tone was heaven to hear. I understand everything that was sent (thanks for the slow speed) and the buzz starts off again.

I go up stairs and tell the family - it's kind of fun watching 6 pairs of eyes roll back into their shaking heads. But then I start to doubt, did I really do it? Was the reply I heard to someone else. Did I remember to push the send/receive switch up. Am I even awake?

I NEED THE FOX REPORT FOR TUESDAY NIGHT, PLEASE!!!!!!

I need to go home, there is another fox hunt tonight in only 9 hours 20 minutes. I need to check my radios. Maybe there is something wrong with the metal in my antennas, I knew I should have gotten the platinum wire instead of the gold. I've got to go down the hall and soak my head in some hot water so I can go home with a temperature.

De KB0ROL, Brad

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 08:32:48 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27862] Oct Quarterly
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002082852.8525E-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

I have been asked about the key that is in the picture on the cover of the Oct 97 Quarterly.

It is the "Little Red Key" made by The American Radio QRP Key Mfg Co. They also have an ad on page 9 of that same issue.

You can e-mail them at: Ahber@ix.Inetcom.com

I have no connection with this company but do own one of the Little Red Keys and think it's very nice.

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 09:39:24 -0600
From: AE0Q V31RY <v31ry@ix.netcom.com>

To: tpettibo@NMSU.Edu
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27863] Re: FOX Report for 1 October
Message-ID: <2.2.16.19971002153924.1c479de0@popd.ix.netcom.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

K50I wrote:

> After the hunt, I transferred from paper to LOGIC
>4.0, double checking as I went. Then I couldn't figure out how to cut and
>paste so I could just slap a copy in the e-mail to QRP-L, so I retyped all
>of the contacts into my e-mail note

Hi Tim.. I use LOGic-4 (the LOGic-5 beta is pretty cool!) and recently wanted to do the same thing. AD1C wants copies of contest logs from the last year (SS, IARU etc), and I had logged them in LOGic-4 so I didn't have a raw CT file to send. If you go to CONTEST MAINTENANCE on the main menu of LOGic-4, you can select the option to generate an ARRL format output. It automatically sends it to a file, and all you have to do is specify the dates that you want QSO's included. It worked great! I just pasted the file into e-mail and it was done..

You can also change the printer-driver to a file name and run any other 'report', but that's a pain.

73 -- Glenn

"Remember, any tool can be the right tool!" Red Green

AE0Q / V31RY ex: GM5BKC, ZB2WZ, SV0WY, WA0VPK
v31ry@ix.netcom.com --SOWP 5558-M, ARRL LM, QCWA LM, NCVA--
<http://www.qsl.net/ae0q>

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 09:45:08 -0600
From: Tim Pettibone <tpettibo@NMSU.Edu>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27864] Whoops!
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.19971002094508.0068f4e8@cnmailsvr.nmsu.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

W03B is in CA (oh no, another CA hunter!), not MD. LOGIC sometimes does that to me by pulling off info from my 'getting older' CDRom and putting it into the log. My mistake and California's gain. That's even one less

Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.19971002095924.0069897c@cnmailsvr.nmsu.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

RE:LOGic Log into computer file. Oh great! Now everybody know!

Thanks Glenn, there may be other LOGic users out there and this can really help. LOGic lets you print out log sheets but, until now, I didn't know how to get it into a computer file. That's a big help.

Tim K50I

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:01:19 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27867] FOX: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710021601.JAA15911@usr05.primenet.com>

FRIENDLY NORTH AMERICAN FOX CHALLENGE

Howdy Folks,

So I'm sitting back, looking at the Fox scores. Wow! That's a whole lotta pelts! Lucky for us those Foxii replicate faster than an erroneous entry in your credit record, or they'd be extinct by November.

Anyway, here's what I'm thinking. California has all those billions of people living there. Half the world's population at least. And little ol' Idaho has maybe, what, maybe a few hundred people? :) So it isn't really fair that ID would have to wager against CA based on raw Fox pelts, is it? No siree. Not sporting at all.

So here's what I propose - A North American challenge based on the ratio of pelts bagged for your state/province vs. the population of the state/province, i.e. the score is:

(Number of Pelts Bagged by State / Population of State or Province)

Highest value wins that night's Fox hunt. At the end of the

season, whichever group walks away with the most wins is declared Fox Hunting Poobah Paradise of North America. We can figure out the prize for the winning state/province later.

So whaddya say? Level the playing field a bit? Open the doors wide open for a North American challenge? I haven't cleared this with my fellow ScQRPions yet, but I'll go out on a limb and give a "YES" vote from us. How about the rest of you? NV? MD? WA? CA? TX? CO? WI? NJ?

Remember, this would be a *side* competition to the regular Fox Hunt. A meta-competition. And very friendly. Any thoughts? Any takers?

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It happens sometimes. People just explode. Natural causes." -Repo Man

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:16:26 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27868] FOX: Team Fox Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710021616.JAA17026@usr05.primenet.com>

FRIENDLY TEAM FOX CHALLENGE

Howdy again Folks,

Yeah, me again. Look on the bright side - you can easily delete me. My poor wife, on the other hand, actually has to *live* with me. :)

Another Fox meta-competition to propose - Teams! Must have at least 3 Hunters per team, and no more than 5. Team score is (Total Pelts worked by Team / Number of Team Members). This will be a running total throughout the season. Highest value at the end of the season wins. Wins what? I have no idea. But we've got plenty of time to figure it out. :)

I'll volunteer to do all the bookkeeping if the Team Captains keep me updated.

Again, this is just a side competition for the regular Fox hunt. Friendly and fun. We AB7*T*ers have already been conspiring. Well OK, just Randy (AB7TK) and myself (AB7TT), but we hope to get Bob (AB7ST) on board too. ;-)

So for those who are interested, we offer Team AB7*T* as the first entry. Now who's going to be the cunning critter who bribes Monster Station KU7Y to be on their team? :)

Whaddya think?

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"'Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 09:23:55 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27869] Re: FOX: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002092101.8686A-100000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997, Joe Gervais wrote:

> How about the rest
> of you? NV? MD? WA? CA? TX? CO? WI? NJ?

I'm game. (Or is that gamey?)

> A meta-competition. And very friendly.

I just love friendly compitition.....would you hold my target for me?? That's it, just a bit lower.....right there....look over the top of it.....exhlllleeeeeee.....squeeeeeeeeeeseeeeee

cul,

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

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....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 09:33:03 -0700
From: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27870] Fall Issue of QRPP will be late
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971002093303.0072aa6c@telis.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Guys, the fall issue of QRPP will be later than planned this time. I had hoped that it would be ready in September, but I got the copy to the Printer a few days late and missed the printing window both for the printing and the binding. I was told yesterday that it will be out about the third week of October.

When QRPP started, we had publication dates of March, June, September and December. That worked fine when we had a couple of hundred issues to do and I did them on my kitchen table. As you all know, that has changed. With membership approaching 2500, QRPP is not a kitchen table operation. We have had to go to a professional printer and the printer uses a bindry service. This means that we have to fit into their schedule, and when I miss a deadline, it gets shifted to the next available time slot. George Dobbs, G3RJV is my mentor when it comes to publishing a QRP journal, and he uses the system of Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall issues with no specific date targeted for an issue to come out. George is a wise man. I adopted his system last spring and it is in place now.

Thank you for your patience, it is appreciated.

72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 09:50:45 -0700
From: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us (Hendricks, Doug)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27871] Changing rules
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19971002095045.0072aa6c@telis.org>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Memo to California Fox Hunting Team:
Re: Foxhunt #1

Congratulations team. Excellent effort. Special congratulations to W03B, Bob White who was our "very high dollar free agent aquisition" last spring. It's nice to see that the money we spent was a good investment.

I noticed with dismay that now the guys from Arizona want to change the rules. Claiming that we are at an advantage, etc. We have our own problems here; traffic, smog, interference, nude beaches, and all of those emigrants from Oklahoma and Kansas during the 30's who are still here. At least the guys from Texas are willing to stand and fight. I also noticed that the wanna be Californian from near Reno with the huge stock in aluminum has failed again in his attempt to get the California/Nevada state line moved east.

I am opposed to the change in rules. We have the advantage, they agreed to it, and now they want to change. Heck, Texas just lost by 1 last year, and they scared us so much that we had all of those Fox training sessions and even signed a high priced free agent. Keep up the good work guys.

Oh, almost forgot. Be alert at Pacificon as I hear that several of the AZ Scorpions are planning an invasion to see if they can learn our secrets. Look out for the big tall guy from Texas too!! 72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 13:03:07 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
To: QRP Reflector <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27872] 1x1 Calls
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.93.971002123748.588J-1000000@dns.vidtel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

There was some discussion about 1x1's the other day, who was first, who was next, so on and so on. There a page where the calls are tracked by VEC's at http://ncvec.spindle.net/html/show_all.cfm

Seems that they were assigned for use in this order W4B, N8A, N6N, N6A, W2V... The first was for use starting on 30-AUG-97 and K&K kicked in on 15-SEP-97. Not a single QRP event in the bunch.

When was W1FB's birthday? Is someone interested in reserving W1F and

putting it on the air from Luther, MI. Or somewhere close? Maybe the anniversary of his first ticket (if anyone knows). Make it a special event "W1FB/QRP Tribute" station. Just my two cents.

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-- Chris Cartwright,   Technical Engineer   |       ccart@vidtel.com       --  
-- N3XRV      ARRL-VE   QRP WAS 20/10(w/c)  |       ccart@erols.com       --  
-- QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 QRP-ARCI #????  | http://dns.vidtel.com/~ccart --
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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 12:01:48 -0500 (CDT)
From: Adrian Weiss <aweiss@sunflowr.usd.edu>
To: QRP-L@listserv.lehigh.edu
Subject: [27873] RE: RSGB Reveiw: JOY OF QRP
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.94.971002115920.4178A-100000@sundance>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi guys:

I found the other reviews of the JOY OF QRP. The one I posted a couple of days ago doesn't really give a complete picture of what is in the book. Maybe this one would help QRP'rs decide if they wanted to buy it.
72/73 Ade WORSP

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The Joy of QRP-Strategy for Success,
recently written and published by
Adrian Weiss WORSP is now available from RSGB.

The book contains eight chapters. The first, The Exciting World of QRP, begin with a history of QRP operation going back to the 1920s. It outlines some of the frustrations of QRP operating and tells how to put these feelings of frustration into perspective in order to enjoy QRP work to the full. It shows how QRP operating often brings out the best in high power operators who often become more determined than usual to listen for the weak signals of the QRP operator. It shows how QRP operation can take place on any mode and gives details of the fascinating experiments that have taken place with powers down to microwatt levels.

The second chapter, Sharing the Joys of QRP, gives details of QRP clubs and societies world-wide, QRP awards, QRP contests and activity periods throughout the year, and QRP calling frequencies and nets.

Chapter three, Planning for QRP Operation, is essential reading not only for low power enthusiasts, but for all who operate on the hf bands, particularly those who are relatively new to hf bands working. The chapter deals with the thought and planning that should precede operation of the hf bands -- 'What am I trying to achieve?', 'is my antenna capable of achieving these aims?', 'What bands should I operate at what time of day to achieve the results I require?' -- these, and many other seemingly basic questions are raised and many common-sense solutions are suggested.

The next chapter, Putting a QRP Signal on the Air: Commercial Gear, looks at ways of modifying second hand QRO transmitters and transceivers in order to transmit at low power levels. A useful list of features and specifications that should be kept in mind when purchasing second hand transmitters and receivers is given. The chapter concludes with a summary of commercial QRP equipment.

Chapter five deals with 'Homebrewing the First Rig'. This chapter takes the newcomer through the planning stages of home construction. It shows how to select the most appropriate circuits and components for a prospective equipment being listed in the order in which it is probably desirable to acquire each item. Full constructional details, including printed circuit layouts, are given for a five watt transmitter covering any two bands between 3-5 and 14MHz. This is followed by two v.f.o. designs. These are intended to drive the previously described transmitter, but they would be equally useful as general purpose designs. Finally a regulated power supply is described which can provide between 1 - 5 and 15 volts at 3 amps. All these constructional projects are described in meticulous detail with particular attention

given to explaining why specific components and designs are chosen.

The following chapter, General Operating Techniques, is good reading for the QRP and QRO operator alike. The chapter shows how to judge the mind of the operator at the 'other end'; whether he is really listening for weak signals when he calls CQDX or whether he is just looking for S9 signals at 30wpm. Various calling and transmitter netting techniques are described. Useful ways of maintaining contacts when signals are marginal are also detailed.

Chapter seven gives details for planning and operating QRP during field days, contests and in the various QRP activity periods and QSO parties. This chapter also has interesting sections on QRP mobile operation and QRP working on 160m. The final chapter introduces the theory of r.f. power measurement and has a helpful section clarifying the various forms of r.f. power. Designs for an r.f. wattmeter and an r.m.s. r.f. voltage probe are given. At the end of this chapter is a thought-provoking treatise on standing wave ratio. The Joy of QRP is essential reading for anyone who is interested in improving their operating skills on the hf bands. The author has used a thorough and in-depth approach to all the topics covered in this book, but in doing so he has maintained an easy going and entertaining style. It would be difficult for anyone to read this book and not gain something useful from it.

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 13:09:09 -0400
From: "Watson R Gabriel Jr" <wgabriel@duke-energy.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27874] joke - not quite QRP, but...
Message-ID: <85256524.005DE902.00@dpcmail.dukepower.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

>From what I have seen so far, you guys can appreciate this I am sure!

----- Forwarded by Watson R Gabriel Jr/Gen/DukePower on
10/02/97 01:05 PM -----

X-Mailer: Z-Mail (3.2.1 10oct95)

A rather inhibited (chemical) engineer finally splurged on a luxury cruise to the Caribbean. It was the craziest" thing he had ever done in his life. Just as he was beginning to enjoy himself, a hurricane roared down upon the huge ship, capsizing it like a child's toy. Somehow the engineer, desperately hanging on to a life preserver, managed to wash ashore on a secluded island.

Outside of beautiful scenery, a spring-fed pool, bananas and coconuts, there was little else. He lost all hope and for hours on end, sat under the same palm tree. One day, after several months had passed, a gorgeous woman in a small rowboat appeared.

"I'm from the other side of the island," she said. "Were you on the cruise ship, too?"

"Yes, I was, " he answered. "But where did you get that rowboat?"

"Well, I whittled the oars from gum tree branches, wove the reinforced gunnel from palm branches, and made the keel and stern from a Eucalyptus tree."

"But, what did you use for tools?" asked the man.

"There was a very unusual strata of alluvial rock exposed on the south side of the island. I discovered that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into forgeable ductile iron.

Anyhow, that's how I got the tools. But, enough of that," she said.

"Where have you been living all this time? I don't see any shelter."

"To be honest, I've just been sleeping on the beach," he said.

"Would you like to come to my place?" the woman asked. The engineer nodded dumbly.

She expertly rowed them around to her side of the island, and tied up the boat with a handsome strand of hand-woven hemp topped with a neat back splice. They walked up a winding stone walk she had laid and around a Palm tree. There stood an exquisite bungalow painted in blue and white.

"It's not much, but I call it home." Inside, she said, "Sit down please; would you like to have a drink?"

"No, thanks," said the man. "One more coconut juice and I'll throw up!"

"It won't be coconut juice," the woman replied. "I have a crude still out back, so we can have authentic Pina Coladas."

Trying to hide his amazement, the man accepted the drink, and they sat down on her couch to talk. After they had exchanged stories, the woman asked, "Tell me, have you always had a beard?"

"No," the man replied, "I was clean shaven all of my life until I ended up on this island."

"Well if you'd like to shave, there's a razor upstairs in the bathroom cabinet."

The man, no longer questioning anything, went upstairs to the bathroom and shaved with an intricate bone-and-shell device honed razor sharp. Next he showered -- not even attempting to fathom a guess as to how she managed to get warm water into the bathroom -- and went back downstairs. He couldn't help but admire the masterfully carved banister as he walked. "You look great," said the woman. "I think I'll go up and slip into something more comfortable."

As she did, the man continued to sip his Pina Colada. After a short time, the woman, smelling faintly of gardenias, returned wearing a revealing gown fashioned out of pounded palm fronds.

"Tell me," she asked, "we've both been out here for a very long time with no companionship. You know what I mean. Have you been lonely...is there anything that you really, really miss? Something that all men and woman need? Something that would be really nice to have right now!"

"Yes there is!" the man replied, shucking off his shyness. "There is something I've wanted to do for so long. But on this island all alone, it was just...well, it was impossible."

"Well, it's not impossible, any more," the woman said.

The man, practically panting in excitement, said breathlessly:

"You mean you actually figured out some way we can check our e-mail here?"

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 11:21:50 -0600

From: Niel Skousen <nskousen@scientechn.com>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [27875] Re: Changing rules

Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19971002112150.006b22d8@eaglerock.if.scientechn.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

ah dunt no, thays onli 3 er so of us'ns up haer in Idaho, I figur thet hit aint a cheng so muchasa wole nothr contest.. sides i kina lik th idear

i figur thet 4 otem pelts fur th 3 of us'ns is goodr thn 297 pelts fur the 423859 o them thur cafilornians aniwho !!!

i'm fur anothr contest runin on th sid

Niel

>

>I noticed with dismay that now the guys from Arizona want to change the
>rules. Claiming that we are at an advantage, etc. We have our own

>

>I am opposed to the change in rules. We have the advantage, they agreed to

>

>

Niel Skousen: Sr.Eng, SCIENTECH.SPG/CFG nskousen@scientech.com
208.525.3742, FAX 529.4721 Idaho Falls ID WA7SSA QRP-L.119
Z-----DN33wm--- . . . -

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 10:40:23 -0700 (PDT)
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
To: ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27876] Re: Changing rules
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.971002103347.8929B-1000000@vortex>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997 ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us wrote:

> I also noticed
> that the wanna be Californian from near Reno with the huge stock in
> aluminum has failed again in his attempt to get the California/Nevada state
> line moved east.

Hey Chuck,

See? I told you they didn't have any idea how much money you guys
in TX could come up with!

> Oh, almost forgot. Be alert at Pacificon as I hear that several of the AZ
> Scorpions are planning an invasion to see if they can learn our secrets.

There may have been offers from TX and AZ for stock in a station in
NV. Will soon go to the highest bidder.....too bad CA isn't in on the
action.....lots of money out there....all offers considered.

> Look out for the big tall guy from Texas too!!

Yu'all keep your hands out of his pockets.....I have come to depend on his payments!

The footings for the anti-CA curtain are ready to be poured. When TX and AZ put their money together, the sky's the limit!!

Boy, this carpet bagging is fun..... :-)

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 10:43:00 -0500
From: Bob Tellefsen-CNSE97 <Bob_Tellefsen-CNSE97@email.mot.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27877] Re: Fox, we're on a roll
Message-ID: <M2064277.004.fr434.1.971002175516Z.CC-MAIL*/OU=LMPCC4/OU=ILBB/
PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/@MHS>

Sorry about my previous post. Seem to have launched the header without the message. Kinda like Field Day, where the lead weight goes over the tree and the string stays behind on the reel. :-)

Hot dog, got Tim early on in his opening run. Really loud, too.

Heard K50I and K5F0 talking just before the run, so worked Chuck quick. He asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was just sitting there watching the mouse (fox?) hole. And then the fun started.

Monitored the freq afterwards and heard Tim work a lot of stations. A real feeding frenzy.

Sounds like we need a quick reminder to keep calls short, and only call the Fox when you know he is listening. There were a lot of calls being transmitted at the same time the Fox was transmitting. This makes it hard for the actual contact to copy the fox, and even makes it uncertain as to whom the fox is answering. Keep the calls short, guys.

My buddy Dwight, WA6NAE, got Tim, too, so it's a neck and neck race out here at the moment. Dwight has a new TenTec Scout and a new 40m loop, so I expect he will press me harder this year.

Anyway, great opening to a great season. Get the rig warmed up, Brian, here we come.

73 to all, Bob N6WG (and Ol' Kenwood)

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:08:53 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27878] Re: Fox Schedule
Message-ID: <199710021808.LAA17848@usr06.primenet.com>

Howdy Folks,

Ron (KU7Y) wrote:

>
> I need overs.....cuz it just ain't fair I tell ya.....tain't fair!
>
> Carol and I will be sailing along the Mexcian coast from the 5th to
> the 12th and I will not have a rig!!

Ron, We've got a gift for you and Carol! All of us on QRP-L have been passing around the hat - we're gonna surprise you with a whirlwind world cruise that runs through March. All the arrangements are made. Oh, did I mention the captain of the ship doesn't allow recreational use of RF xmitters? :)

'Course I'll be taking care of your QTH while you're away. Wouldn't want that metal skyscraper in your backyard getting all rusty from lack of use. I'll just bring it back here to AZ for safe keeping.... ;-)

Have a nice trip! Don't forget to write! You can thank us later. :)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"It's 106 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas, half

a pack of cigarettes, it's dark, and we're wearing sunglasses."
"Hit it!" -The Blues Brothers

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 14:13:13 -0400 (EDT)
From: Bigbob97@aol.com
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27879] SST 40
Message-ID: <971002141133_614327234@emout13.mail.aol.com>

Well, it went together fast and easy - no probs with the manual and it worked the first time. This is easy fun ! (as opposed to hard fun) Now to make a few contacts, after I wire in the KC 1. What I appreciate most of all is the "burn off the insulation" torroid winding wire. That stuff is great !

I think the Rainbow Tuner had it too. Wonderful stuff - never knew it existed !

73,
Bob WB2DHK in Jersey City, NJ

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 11:07:51 -0700
From: Bob White <bobwhitewo3b@geocities.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27880] W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
Message-ID: <3433E2F7.2E62@geocities.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Tim,

Great job on the hunt. A very nice kickoff to the new season.

You will have to subtract one contact from MD and add another to CA as I am hunting from CA now. I was recruited by NorCal at the end of last season, (I even bagged two foxes from the hotel room for them when I came out for the interview). These CA guys are serious. They even lined me up with a new job as part of the package! I promised not to talk about the signing bonus though.

72,
Bob White W03B another CA fox/fox hunter and NorCal member
MDMW forever though!

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 14:38:40 -0400 (EDT)
From: G3TUX@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27881] QRP+
Message-ID: <971002143310_1866249165@emout11.mail.aol.com>

Gang,

Another plea for help. My QRP+ (nr 995) has gone deaf on Rx and low output on Tx - suggesting a problem in a stage common to both Tx and Rx. Rx is about 30dB down and max tx o/p is 1W. The problem may have been caused by static build up on the antenna.

If this is a known fault, information will be greatly appreciated - many thanks!

Chris G3TUX@aol.com

PS Joel / NF9K - sorry, have binned ur e-mail address. Please remind me - tnx

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:42:14 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27882] Re: Changing rules
Message-ID: <199710021842.LAA28921@usr09.primenet.com>

Howdy again,

Doug (KI6DS) wrote:

>
> I noticed with dismay that now the guys from Arizona want to change the
> rules.

Wait a sec - that wasn't *whining* I heard, was it? :-) :-)

Sounds like it's a recruiting problem. ;-) I'm sure we'll all be willing to pitch in and ship some FCC-610s to you. Then you can go door-to-door and try to improve your hams-to-population ratio. I'm sure in a few years things will pick up for CA. Or you can blow the state budget hiring more

QRP mercs like Bob. :) 'Course you realize he's only there
'til the ground shakes a little... ;-)

> Claiming that we are at an advantage, etc. We have our own
> problems here; traffic, smog, interference, nude beaches, and all of those

Hey, sunny beaches filled with Baywatch babes and studs
is y'all's problem, not ours. :) (Actually it's sort of
my problem too, like when my wife looks over at me on the
couch and says, "Remember when *you* were in shape, honey?"
Doh! Just rip out my fragile male ego and do the fandango
on it, why don't you? :-))

> Oh, almost forgot. Be alert at Pacificon as I hear that several of the AZ
> Scorpions are planning an invasion to see if they can learn our secrets.
> Look out for the big tall guy from Texas too!! 72, Doug, KI6DS

Hide the livestock, 'cuz we're a-comin' to town! YEEEEEEEEHAAAAAAW! :-)

Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

""Fraid nobody around here, understands my potato;
Think I'm only a Spudboy, looking for a real tomato." -DEVO

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 14:55:36 -0400 (EDT)
From: Jim Eshleman <lujce@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
To: QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27883] FOX: Schedule/Rules
Message-ID: <970ct2.145549-0400_edt.10421-21930+21@hooch.cc.Lehigh.EDU>
Content-Type: text

The most recent versions of the 1997 Fourth Annual Internet QRP
Foxhunt Rules and Schedule will always be available via e-mail
from the list server by sending the following commands, in the
body of an e-mail, to listserv@Lehigh.EDU:

GET QRP-L/FOXHUNT RULES
GET QRP-L/FOXHUNT SCHEDULE

or via anonymous FTP at:

ftp://ftp.lehigh.edu/pub/listserv/qrp-l/foxhunt/rules
ftp://ftp.lehigh.edu/pub/listserv/qrp-l/foxhunt/schedule

73

Jim N3VXI

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 15:04:13 -0400 (EDT)
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@dns.vidtel.com>
To: QRP Reflector <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27884] Re: W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.93.971002145817.1579B-100000@dns.vidtel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 2 Oct 1997, Bob White wrote:

> MDMW forever though!

Hmmm... Danny, Mike, Scott, I think our plan is beginning to unravel.
Danny recall all the 3-land operatives from CA, TX, and AZ before one of
them spills our master plan. Scott, your report from the AB7TT
infiltration is late!

ObQRP: Anyone know where specific formulae for rhombics reside? A web
search so far has been pretty lacking. Heading the the library next.

-- Chris Cartwright, Technical Engineer | ccart@vidtel.com --
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE QRP WAS 20/10(w/c) | ccart@erols.com --
-- QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 QRP-ARCI #???? | http://dns.vidtel.com/~ccart --

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 11:49:26 -0600
From: Brad Mugleston <bmug@gwl.com>
To: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27885] Fox Thanks - I did it.
Message-ID: <01BCCF29.3DAEB5C0@pps-pc10.gwl.com>
Content-Type: text

Thanks for all the copies of the Fox report. I made it, I even sent my correct
QRP-L number.

OK #1 is over maybe I can calm down - but #2 is tonight and if I miss him I'll go
from 100% to 50%, I don't know if I can take it.

de KBØROL, Brad

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 12:25:28 -0700
From: Ed Loranger <we6w@qsl.net>
To: ccart@dns.vidtel.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27886] Re: W03B recruited by CA for fox hunting
Message-ID: <3433F528.3494@qsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All I have are:

Vertical Half Rhombic:
http://www.gordon.army.mil/acd/tcs/hf/1_2romb.HTM

Rhombic Antenna Page:
<http://www.neca.com/~cummings/rhombic.html>

If you get any others, let me know. I've been
trying to find a list.

I think the latest ARRL antenna book has
a huge amount of information on rhombics.

Best Regards, Ed Loranger <mailto:loranger@sr.hp.com>

my usual email address is intermittent. try 'loranger@sr.hp.com'

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72/73 de we6w qrp es cw ONLY (From non-ham to extra in one day!)
HW-8;OHR-100, Pixie2, Johnson Viking II w/VFO.
QRP-L#1068/ARCI#9397/Norcal#2227/ARS#275/AR#112 grid CM88ok
<mailto:we6w@qsl.net> <http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 15:36:08 -0400
From: Bill Crowley <bcrow@carte.net>
To: BWHITTEM@mailgw.sanders.lmco.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [27887] Re: shld loop 40 mtr rx in qst
Message-ID: <3433F7A8.126C@carte.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If your local cable TV provider has not yet switched over to fiber optics (Up here in the big piney woods of Maine, we just got electric lights, so now we don't have to watch TV in the dark!), they will undoubtedly have end pieces of 72 ohm cable. Usually it's free, and even if it isn't, it usually doesn't cost anything to ask. A couple of years ago, when they were running new cable past my house, I got "ends" from three different reels; each piece was long enough to feed antennas on the tower!

72/73 de K1NIT

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 16:18:04 -0400 (EDT)
From: W3GX@aol.com
To: myers@west.sun.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27888] Sad day...
Message-ID: <971002161611_421435764@emout15.mail.aol.com>

God bless you, Doug.

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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 13:24:11 -0700 (MST)
From: Joe Gervais <vole@primenet.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27889] Sabotage - CQ Rod W7GVN
Message-ID: <199710022024.NAA25370@usr02.primenet.com>
Content-Type: text

(Apologies for the bandwidth. Seems the MD mWers have sabotaged our ScQRPion comm link. Knew I shouldn't have left the plans with that guy in the dark sunglasses, chewing on blue crab....)

Rod,

Trying to email you, but can't get through to AOL. Error trace is included for your viewing pleasure. Recall the monkeys. I repeat, recall the monkeys. Status is Indigo.

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> ----- The following addresses had permanent fatal errors -----
> W7GVN@aol.com
>
> ----- Transcript of session follows -----
> ... while talking to d.mx.aol.com.:
> >>> MAIL From:<vole@usr02.primenet.com> SIZE=1118
> <<< 550 <vole@usr02.primenet.com>... Delivery not authorized, message refused.
> 554 W7GVN@aol.com... Service unavailable
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Cheers de AB7TT,

-Joe, vole@primenet.com, AZ ScQRPions (Phoenix)

"Veni Vertical Vamos - I came, I radiated, I left". -AB7TT

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 15:51:38 -0400
From: "Bob Kellogg" <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
To: <vole@primenet.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27890] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <199710022036.QAA01984@mh004.infi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Go for it, Joe.

If someone will figure out the "multiplier" for each state, scoring would be simple. (population ought to be rounded out to nearest million or something and divided into one) A side contest by states may pull in more part time QRPers. And, who knows how many KillerWatters would discover the Joy of QRP?

CUL,
Bob Kellogg, AE4IC, Greensboro, NC
Prolably, but not nececelery. -- Benny Hill

> FRIENDLY NORTH AMERICAN FOX CHALLENGE

Message-ID: <34340DCB.49FA@cycat.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

lbbarley@feist.com wrote:

> Gleaned from the writeup is : "All students at the U.S. Naval Academy still
> learn Morse in their first year..."

When I was at "Canoe U" we learned morse in Plebe Summer.
Unfortunately it was using flashing light.
:-)

michael N6CHV

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 16:27:12 +0000 (GMT)
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: MichaelN@cycat.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27893] Re: CW - a revival? WSJ
Message-ID: <199710021627.QAA07017@okcforum.org>
Content-Type: text

michael N6CHV posted:

> When I was at "Canoe U" we learned morse in Plebe Summer.
> Unfortunately it was using flashing light.
> :-)

I've never tried this. I'd imagine that copying Morse from an old clickity-clack telegraph (or a new one, for that matter!) would be difficult or impossible for someone who only knows it as a tone, the way hams use it. How different is "flashed" Morse? Would skill at reading flashlight Morse coincide with skill at reading sine-wave Morse? Or are the two different enough that one would have to re-learn to switch from one to the other?

Just being curious...

--Jim WB5UDE

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 97 15:31:37 MDT
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27894] Oct Quarterly
Message-ID: <9710022131.AA22760@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Key? Picture? Quarterly?

Hopefully, if no major thunderstorms to drown the horse, the pony express may arrive this week with the quarterly. Sounds interesting, tho. Can hardly wait.

--

Ray Colbert, W5XE
OOTC 3618, SOWP 1064M
El Paso, Tx (Far West Texas)
(also: v31xe@dzdn.com)

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 17:37:40 -0400 (EDT)
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27895] Pixie2...LOTS OF FUN !!!
Message-ID: <v01530501b0598b81ee02@[208.131.170.223]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hey Gang,

Ordered two of the Pixie2's (one for me and one for my neighbor). He put his together last night and finished it this afternoon. Went over there after work and just got back. What a neat little circuit. The signal really sounds good! It's amazing what just a few parts will accomplish. I'll be firing my soldering iron up after supper. I'm telling you....its a great little kit to just have some fun with and take on some real qrp challenges! Give one a try and share your experiences as well as modifications.

Frank

Usual disclaimers

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Grid Square FM16

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 17:42:51 -0400 (EDT)
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27896] Key Ideas?
Message-ID: <v01530502b0598e46948e@[208.131.170.223]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Fellow QRP-Ler's

Does anyone have an innovative key idea that could be put to use for a small qrp rig. I'm in the process of completing my Pixie2 and am not excited about using my regular key. Something simple, cheap, and practical, but with a little class. Any ideas?

Thanks

Frank

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Grid Square FM16

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 16:56:06 +0000 (GMT)
From: Jim Glover <psykey@okcforum.org>
To: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27897] Re: Key Ideas?
Message-ID: <199710021656.QAA07145@okcforum.org>
Content-Type: text

Frank Matthews KC4FKX posted:

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I haven't tried one myself, but I've heard that some microswitches make a decent key. That would take care of the simple, cheap, and practical aspects of it. As for "a little class" ...well, I guess that would all depend on what you mount the microswitch on/in! :)

--Jim WB5UDE

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 13:58:29 -0900 (GMT-0900)
From: Roger Asbury <fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27898] Alaska QRP.
Message-ID: <Pine.NXT.3.95.971002133815.5778A-100000@camelot>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hmmmm, since I'm relatively new to this listserv and the idea of QRP, I have a couple more questions. :) If I breech some etiquette please let me know. *grin*

Seems most of the people I work with think that QRP in Alaska is a lost cause. I must admit, I'm only familure with VHF as I still don't have the license to do HF work. (Workin' on that!)

One of the people happens to be an electrical engineer who's opinion I respect quite a bit. However, I've heard lots of good things from other people, none of the from Alaska, though.

So, are my co-workers nuts? Or am I? I've noticed at least one Alaska e-mail address in recent posts, and Anchorage address if I recall correctly? Is a lost QRP-wannabe soul in Fairbanks doomed?

My apologies if this is a bandwidth waster, or a goofy question, I'm just curious! :)

Thanks,
Rog.

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Roger L. Asbury Jr.      [] "I don't know the meaning of
fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu [] the word surrender! I mean,
Training Assistant/Computer Tech[] I know it, I'm not dumb ...
WL7NT                   [] just not in this context."
http://icecube.acf-lab.uaf.edu/~fnrla[]  ~~The Tick~~
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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 17:16:32 -0500
From: wmcshan@REX.RE.ouhsc.edu (Mike McShan)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27899] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <v01540b00b059cafbae55@[157.142.56.167]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>If someone will figure out the "multiplier" for each state, scoring would
>be simple. (population ought to be rounded out to nearest million or
>something and divided into one) A side contest by states may pull in more
(snip)

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>CUL,
>Bob Kellogg, AE4IC, Greensboro, NC

An easy way is to normalize each state as compared to CA (the most populous state). For example, California has about 36 (or is it 38?) million folks, while Oklahoma has about 3 million. We can divide

$$CA/OK = 36/3 = 12$$

which will be the weighting factor for OK. So in other words, the lads and lassies in CA will have to make 13 contacts for every one contact we make here in Sooner-land...hmmm, I think I like this game. Of course, only one or two contacts from North Dakota or Alaska will probably blow us all away.

72,
Mike N5JKY
Edmond, OK

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 15:20:25 -0700
From: Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27900] Re: Key Ideas?
Message-ID: <34341E29.6082@psnw.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Whiterook qualifies in every respect. They are indeed simple,
inexpensive but have lots of class.

The usual disclaimer applies

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 18:26:33 -0400 (EDT)
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
To: Roger Asbury <fnrla@camelot.acf-lab.uaf.edu>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27901] Re: Alaska QRP.
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.971002182524.24113A-1000000@xena.acsu.buffalo.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Roger,
Get your license...put up an antenna and connect it to a 40 meter qrp rig
and I will give you a qrp contact with Western New York!

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION
ARCI #9013 QRP-L #381
Life member ARRL
jskalski@acsu.Buffalo.EDU

Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 15:28:51 -0800 (PDT)
From: Ed Loranger <loranger@wolf.sr.hp.com>
To: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU (Roger Asbury)
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27902] Re: Alaska QRP.
Message-ID: <199710022228.AA275871331@wolf.sr.hp.com>

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| Ed Loranger 794-2839 |
| mailto:loranger@sr.hp.com |
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<http://web.sr.hp.com/~loranger>
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MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Length: 1787

Hi Rog. FB on the question.

Since you are new to QRP, I understand why the communications distance seems impossible. But that's where experimenting with QRP shines.

You see, without exposure to QRP operating practices and obvious improvements needed in transmission line/Antennas etc., most QRO ops heat up a stove element and get where they need to go.

When you use that same setup, it seems QRP contacts are impossible. So you learn a bit. Improve the antenna and transmit/rcv a bit further. A big clue you need to improve the setup is when you continue to

get the short-end of the RST exchange. "hey, he's got 5 watts too!. What's up?", you might think.

Well, chances are the other guy/gal has optimized the transmission path. Correct ant. height, threw out the easy to route coax, and put in a measured and efficient antenna he/she designed.

So, I've been through all this only this year myself! Went from 579/549 sent/rcvd reports to exchanges where when I ran 5 watts and he 2 watts, we get a proper 559/579 sent/rcvd in my log!

I'm currently running parallel 300 ohm line to a grid-dipped and measured 40 meter dipole up 46 feet.

Use to use coax and a dipole cut from formula and measured with a ruler. Every bit counts, and it takes a bit of work and head scratching. Much better to measure with RF devices and get the antenna really tuned. Not just some $468/\text{Freq}$ formula. That's ballpark stuff for the local or QRO ops! Just a beginning for QRP ops.

Replace the head scratching with some pats on the back! Go ahead and try some ideas. Be open-minded, and convert that coax to a shield driven dipole! Not a transmission line.

Many QSO's to Alaska from my QTH now.

Welcome to QRP and best wishes all around.
-Ed Loranger

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<http://www.qsl.net/we6w>

Date: Thu, 02 Oct 1997 15:43:49 -0700
From: Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [27903] Re: Fox North American Challenge!
Message-ID: <343423A5.70CC@psnw.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

No challenge here. Making 13 contacts to everyone else's one is something Californians do on a regular basis anyhow.

(oh boy, I think I'm going to get hammered on this one)

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Date: Thu, 2 Oct 1997 18:43:06 -0400
From: Stew Whitehouse <STEW_W@compuserve.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio <QRP-L@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [27904] QRP for the Icoms
Message-ID: <199710021843_MC2-229B-9D68@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Hi folks,

I used my Icom 740 at qrp levels with a circuit from QST a couple of years ago. Just a battery , resistor and a pot. feed the low voltage into the ALC jack on the 740 and you can bring power down to about zero. No need to even open the case on the transceiver. I'll see if I can find the QST article and will post to the list when I do. Should work with most rigs.

72/73 Stew ke4yh
Dunedin, Florida

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